

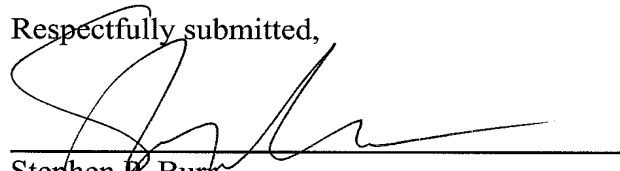
REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 10-14 are pending herein. Claims 15-17 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claim 10 has been amended to essentially correspond to independent claim 1 that was allowed in the corresponding Japanese National Phase Application (JP 2005-517502). No new matter has been added. Applicants believe the case is now in condition for examination.

If the Examiner believes that contact with Applicants' attorney would be advantageous toward the disposition of this case, he is herein requested to call Applicants' attorney at the phone number noted below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1446.

Respectfully submitted,



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